

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Bi-Monthly Conference Call

December 18, 2013

Agenda Items

Mark Walker – Presented information on the indicator reports which are now being published monthly from SPIRIT data. Three and six month data looks at those infants that have reached that birthdate during the month. Months that are blank have no participants meeting the criteria. Months with zero indicate a number too low to use in calculation. Data is available for all 4 indicators.

The reports will be provided monthly and show the data for the last 12 months.

Elsa Petersson – Discuss what BPCPs know or are finding out about breast pumps and Montana Medicaid

Medicaid is not required to provide breast pumps to recipient as private insurance companies are required to do.

Chris Fogelman – Affordable Care Act and Breastfeeding (link for additional information)

National Women's Law Center

<http://www.nwlc.org/resource/women%E2%80%99s-access-preventive-services-affirmed-hhs>

Tool Kit – Getting Coverage You Deserve

(includes guidance for writing an appeal of denial of coverage for the type of breast pump requested and a template letter)

http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/final_nwlclogo_preventiveservicestoolkit_9-25-13.pdf

Breastfeeding Support, Supplies, and Counseling

Issue	FAQ
Can women get coverage of lactation support, counseling, and equipment the entire time they breastfeed their child?	Yes. The coverage without cost sharing lasts as long as the woman is breastfeeding her child. However, plans can use reasonable medical management techniques to determine the frequency, method, treatment, or setting for the preventive service. <i>(see Question 20 of the FAQ)</i>

Issue	FAQ
How are lactation consultants reimbursed for services under the HRSA Guidelines?	Unanswered. This is outside the scope of the HRSA Guidelines and the Department's regulations. (see <i>Question 19 of the FAQ</i>)

Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) FAQ

<http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/faqs/faq-aca12.html>

Q19: How are certified lactation consultants reimbursed for their services under the HRSA Guidelines?

Reimbursement policy is outside of the scope of the HRSA Guidelines and the Departments' regulations.

Q20: Under the HRSA Guidelines, how long after childbirth is a woman eligible for lactation counseling? Are breastfeeding equipment and supplies unlimited?

Coverage of comprehensive lactation support and counseling and costs of renting or purchasing breastfeeding equipment extends for the duration of breastfeeding. Nonetheless, consistent with PHS Act section 2713 and its implementing regulations, plans and issuers may use reasonable medical management techniques to determine the frequency, method, treatment, or setting for a recommended preventive item or service, to the extent not specified in the recommendation or guideline.

Other Discussion Issues

2013 Annual Report on indicators was due in November. Due to the delay of providing the monthly report until recently, BPCP may submit their report by the end of December.

Next call February 26, 2014 9:00 am to 10:00 am